

JUST ENGLAND AND U. S. COULD WIN FROM KAISER, SAYS CARSON

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 5.—"It may be a vain belief on my part, but I hold it very strongly, that the United States and ourselves, two great countries, are even by themselves in a position to bring about the complete fulfillment of the pledges that we have given."

This was one of the assertions made by Sir Edward Carson, minister without portfolio in the British war cabinet, at a meeting here for

the purpose of launching a society to promote closer relations with Rumania. Although speaking under the shadow of the news of an armistice on the Rumanian front, Sir Edward declared that the entente allies would continue in their determination to carry out their duty towards Rumania.

"I know of no end to this war that is possible without maintaining the rights of Rumania and Serbia just as much as the rights of Great

Britain and her empire," said Sir Edward. "I repeat the determination of his majesty's government that we will go on to the end with unity until we have attained the objects with which we entered into the war. With our help Serbia, Rumania and Greece, the most natural alliance in the whole world, ought to build up a fabric which will make not only the liberty and life of their own people, but will greatly help in the solution of the problems that will arise in the Near East."

SURVEY OF COLORADO SMELTING INDUSTRY DONE; FINDINGS PRINTED

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 5.—The committee named by the Colorado legislature last winter, headed by Senator Siewers Fitcher of Breckenridge, to make a complete and exhaustive survey of the smelting industry of the state, in order to give the ore producers information and data upon which they could figure with accuracy, and which would enable them in the future to deal intelligently in making contracts with the smelters, has completed its work.

The investigation, the first of the kind ever undertaken by any state or by the federal government, has been complete and thorough. O. R. Whitaker, one of the best known metallurgists in the West, a trustee of the Colorado School of Mines, was secured to handle the technical work. Armed with the full authority of the state he spent months in the plants of the smelters investigating methods and delving into the books of the smelter companies for figures showing metal losses, actual cost of handling the various ores, etc. His report, which is replete with many charts and tables, is pronounced by

mining and smelting men alike who have seen advanced proofs to be "the most complete and thorough work of the kind ever published." The mining men of Colorado believe as a result of this investigation the future output of mineral will be vastly increased and the industry everywhere materially benefited.

The law establishing the committee did not, unfortunately, provide funds sufficient for the publication of enough of these reports to fill the demand, but they will be made to go as far as possible and early applicants probably can be supplied. That the information contained in this report may be given general circulation, the Colorado Metal Mining association will print the Whitaker report and the conclusions of the committee in the annual report to be made to the convention during the present month. It is hoped, through this method, all seeking the report may be accommodated. Both the smelter investigating committee and the Colorado Metal Mining association have offices in the Capitol building, Denver.

PITTMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO SENATOR NEWLANDS

Senator Pittman, in an eulogy of Senator Newlands at New Orleans, where he visited a few days ago, stated that "for nearly a quarter of a century he has represented the state of Nevada in the house and in the senate, and during that time no man has been more admirable and beloved. He was a tireless worker."

"His mind and body were ever alert. He was an advanced thinker. He was the foremost among those statesmen who have devoted their lives to the great national reclamation problems."

"His work on behalf of the development and conservation of inland waters is known here in New Orleans."

"It was due to his remarkable vision, patient energy and unanswerable arguments during a pitiless fight for over ten years that national reclamation is today a fact. He was the father of national reclamation. This law will stand out as a permanent monument to the constructive statesmanship of Senator Francis G. Newlands."

"He was devoted to his family and a more beautiful home life I have never observed. He was not a man that sought many close friends, and I never knew him to make pretenses of friendship, but such as he recognized, he held with unselfish loyalty and affection. His death is a great loss to Nevada and to our nation."

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FEW YANK VETERANS TO BE TRANSFERRED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Associated Press has received information that the American war department has decided on rules governing the transfer of Americans serving with the British forces to the American army, by which their present status will not be disturbed except in special cases and where the transfer "is plainly in the interest of the United States."

This decision, it is said, was reached on the following grounds: First, that Americans who enlisted with the British forces must have been prompted by patriotic motives to do so and that, therefore, it does not matter whether they remain British or are transferred to their own flag, since they would be fighting for the same cause.

Second, in some cases, particularly with the Canadians, many of whom are Americans, transfer might seriously disorganize units.

While no official statistics are available, it is fair to guess that there are at least from 25 to 30 thousand Americans in the Canadian forces alone and perhaps half as many more scattered through other British contingents in France, Mesopotamia, Palestine and elsewhere.

WAR CAMP WORK NEW BOND BETWEEN WOMEN

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—The war camp community recreation service has been the means of creating a new bond between American mothers, according to Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and a member of the national committee of the war community recreation fund, who has just returned from a tour of the gulf states.

"The way the women of the communities adjacent to the many camps in these states are opening their homes to the soldiers, as a part of the war camp community recreation service, is wonderful," said Mrs. Cowles. "And the benefit to the nation is not alone in the improvement of the morale of the men in training, which is the prime object of the service, but in the sense of gratitude awakened in the hearts of the mothers in northern states, whose sons are the beneficiaries of this southern hospitality. It is bringing the mothers of the North and the South together as nothing else has done."

Mrs. Cowles said her correspondence as president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs showed the club women of the nation were giving the movement their enthusiastic support. As one example, she said in one state a large number of club women had pledged themselves to pay from \$5 to \$25 a month each into the fund as long as the war lasts.

WOULD INCREASE PENSIONS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Three bills to increase pensions paid Civil war veterans were introduced yesterday in the senate. One by Senator Gillingham would grant veterans who served 90 days or more a pension of \$25 a month, and those serving three years or more \$50 a month.

Another by Senator Smoot would grant pensions ranging from \$30 to those who served 90 days to \$40 for those who had two years' or more of service.

The third, by Senator Jones of Washington, would grant veterans an additional \$20 a month except in cases where this amount would increase their pensions to more than \$50 a month.

INDIANS GIVE CASH.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A total of \$1,035 has been subscribed to the army Y. M. C. A. fund by Indians of the Rosebud reservation, Brookings, S. D., it was announced today.

Obtain no appropriations for that purpose."

MRS. JOHN D. URGES SPECIALIZED HOUSING

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Adoption of a specialized scheme of housing for the women workers at military training camps and cantonments and in industrial centers was urged upon Secretary of War Baker in a letter just made public here by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., representing the housing committee of the war work council of the Young Women's Christian association. The association plans to build, at its own expense, a model home for girls at Charleston, S. C., and the hope was expressed that the government would erect duplicates of this institution throughout the country.

"In view of the probability that an increasing number of women must necessarily be employed in war activities in connection with camps, it is strongly recommended that these women be placed on a war basis," the letter said, "enlisting for war service under military discipline. Such control would do away with many objectionable features of such service at the present time."

CONFIDENCE MEN CLEAN UP MILLION IN SCHEME

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Joseph ("Yellow Kid") Well, F. K. Buckminster and three others were indicted yesterday on charges of having lured two Indiana business men out of \$115,000 through the operation of an alleged confidence game. The total operations of the band are said to have netted them upwards of \$1,000,000.

The indictments charge Well and Buckminster, John Smith, James W. Mead and Michael Reel with conspiring to commit confidence games in which Albert A. Charles, president of the Kokomo Steel and Wire Works of Kokomo, Indiana, lost \$100,000 and Charles H. Warden, president of the First National bank of Fort Wayne, Ind., was swindled out of \$15,000.

MISS RANKIN IN PLEA FOR IRISH

WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCES BILL ON RIGHT OF INDEPENDENCE OF ISLE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A joint resolution declaring that this government recognizes the right of Ireland to political independence and that we count Ireland among those countries for whose freedom and democracy we are fighting, was introduced by Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana.

Miss Rankin also introduced a resolution authorizing the president to require all employers of labor during the war to pay women workers the same wages as are paid to men and offered a bill to equalize the wages of men and women government employees who perform similar labor.

TWO BILLION SHIP PROGRAM PLANNED

REVEALED IN INVESTIGATION AT WASHINGTON YESTERDAY; IS BIG INCREASE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Plans for a two billion dollar government shipbuilding program were revealed yesterday when the shipping board asked congress for authority to place \$701,000,000 worth of additional ship contracts. At the same time an immediate appropriation of \$82,000,000 was asked for the extension of shipyards and for providing housing facilities for workmen.

Thus far the board has been authorized to spend for shipbuilding \$1,234,000,000, contracts for most of which have been awarded. This request for a further authorization and an additional appropriation brings the estimates of funds needed for shipbuilding to \$1,915,000,000. If the additional funds are made available they will be put largely into fabricated steel ship contracts, although some contracts for ordinary steel ships will be let, as will a few for wooden ships on the Pacific coast.

No new shipyards are planned by the board. The fabricating yards have contracts for about 500 ships now, which will keep them constantly employed into 1919, but the board is anxious to place more contracts and begin on the task of providing materials.

The board's housing plans call for the expenditure of about \$35,000,000. The remainder of the \$82,000,000 asked will be used to expand shipyards already built.

HEARKENS TO CALL OF DESERT.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 4.—Because Joseph Ward wished to return to the desert to continue prospecting, he today requested and the court appointed guardians to care for his recently inherited wealth.

The defendants are said to have represented themselves as purchasing agents of the French and British governments.

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ALL NEGOTIATIONS FOR PRATT TEMPORARILY OFF

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Miller Huggins, the new manager of the New York Yankees, announces that all negotiations for the purchase of Derrel Pratt, the St. Louis American second baseman, have been temporarily called off. Huggins said that the Yankees would start training at Macon, Ga., on March 15. The pitchers will report a week before the regulars. The club will take only thirty players to the training camp.

The New York National league club announces that it has received 1918 contracts from Ferdinand Schupp, Adam Swigler and Schepner, recruit infielder.

President Tener of the National league held a conference yesterday with Presidents Hempstead, Ebbs and Baker of the New York, Brooklyn and Philadelphia clubs, at which routine affairs of the league were discussed.

LOVETT PLACES BLAME FOR FREIGHT TIE-UP

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Blame for the congestion of railroad lines and freight terminals is placed by Robert S. Lovett, director of priority, on the tag system instituted by the railroads and the supply departments of the army, navy and shipping board, which gave preference in movement to all cars bearing official tags.

Judge Lovett explained that his statement was made to correct "unwarranted" inferences that he was responsible for unwise priority orders which were charged by witnesses before committees and in reports with causing the present traffic situation.

The tag system was instituted during the Mexican crisis, when government shipments constituted only a fraction of the total railway traffic. It was retained when the United States entered the war against Germany and Judge Lovett says it proved a disorganizing factor in handling the tremendous growth of government freight.

COAL BARONS PINCHED.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—C. H. Reeves, president, and G. W. McGill, vice-president, of a Minneapolis coal company, charged with violation of the coal price fixing act of August 10, have been arrested under orders of United States District Attorney Jacques. It is charged they sold soft coal at a margin of 55 cents, though the order limits the profit to 15 cents. This is said to be the first warrant issued under the law in this part of the country. They pleaded not guilty and were released on bail.

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